MR. P. O. THOMAS (*Kunnathunad* cum *Parur*): May I know how many applications were received in 1121 for fresh Village Unions?

MR. C. P. GOPALA PANICKER: As far as I know all the applications that have been received have been sanctioned.

MR. T. T. KESAVAN SASTRY (*Nominated*): വില്ലേജ് യൂണിയൻ അനുവദിക്കുന്നതിന് അംഗീകരിക്കാവുള്ള പൊതു തത്വം എന്താണെന്നു പറയാൻ ദയവുണ്ടാകുമോ?

MR. C. P. GOPALA PANICKER: അതാതു സ്ഥലങ്ങളിലുള്ള പൊതു ജനങ്ങളുടെ ആവശ്യമനുസരിച്ച് ഡിപ്പാർട്ടുമെൻറിൽനിന്നും അന്വേഷണം നടത്തി റിപ്പോർട്ട് വരുത്തിയതിനുശേഷം വില്ലേജ യൂണിയൻ വേണമെന്നു ഗവണ്മെൻറിനു ബോദ്ധ്യപ്പെട്ടാൽ അനുവദിക്കുന്നതാണു.

MR. T. K NARAYANA PILLAI (*Neyyattinkara* cum *Trivandrum*): On a point of elucidation, Sir. The Secretary to Government stated that there is to be an investigation by the staff. Am I then to understand that these Village Unions were sanctioned before any investigation were made?

MR. C. P. GOPALA PANICKER: No. I said this staff would enquire into the needs of the locality, would prepare the programme for the year etc.

MR. T. K. NARAYANA PILLAI: So I am to understand, I suppose, that due investigations have previously been made when these Village Unions were sanctioned?

MR. C. P. GOPALA PANICKER: Yes, it is so.

MR. P. O. THOMAS: May I know from the member why almost the entire collection for 1120 remains unexpended?

MR. C. P. GOPALA PANICKER: The only explanation that could be given is that the Village Union has not been as active as it should have been.

MR. P. O. THOMAS: May I know who the President was?

MR. C. P. GOPALA PANICKER: I am not aware of that.

Street lights in Thalayazham Village Union.

573. * MR. K. R. NARAYANAN (*Nominated*): Will the Government be pleased to state:

(*a*) whether a resolution to the effect that street lights be arranged within the limits of the Thalayazham (Vaikom) Village Union has been passed; and

(*b*) if so, the action taken by Government on this?

MR. C. P. GOPALA PANICKER: (*a*) Yes.

(*b*) Nine street lights have been installed in the Union area.

Works by certain Village Unions.

571. * MR. VARKALA K. MADHAVAN (*Neyyattinkara* cum *Trivandrum*): Will the Government be pleased to state the works conducted so far by (1) the Varkala Village Union and (2) the Kadakavoor Village Union?

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MR. C. P. GOPALA PANICKER :

Works done by the Varkala Village Union.

(i) Thirteen public wells have been improved.

(ii) Steps have been taken for improving sanitation.

(iii) Arrangements have been made for the installation of lights and the construction of a cattle pound and a public latrine.

Works done by the Kadakavoor Village Union.

(i) Steps have been taken for the installation of street lights, the construction of a cattle pound, the improvement of public tanks, and for improving the sanitation of the Union area.

(ii) Arrangements have been made for the introduction of scavenging service in the Union area.

Grants to Visha Vaidyasalas.

575. *MR. K. M. PAUL : Will the Government be pleased to state :

(*a*) the number of applications for grants to Visha Vaidyasalas received during the year 1120 ;

(*b*) the number of applicants to whom grant has been allowed; and

(*c*) the places where these Visha Vaidyasalas function ?

MR. C. P. GOPALA PANICKER : (*a*) Seven.

(*b*) Two.

(*c*) 1. Kavumbhagom (Thiruvella taluk)

2. Chavara South (Karunagapally taluk).

MR. K. M. PAUL : May I know from the Government how many applications for grant to Visha Vaidyasalas were received from the Muvattupuzha Taluk.

MR. C. P. GOPALA PANICKER : I have no information on that point now.

MR. P. K. KURIAKOSE : May I know whether the Government have collected the necessary data concerning deaths due to snake bites, as was promised in the last Session of the Assembly ?

MR. C. P. GOPALA PANICKER : The Director has been asked to prepare a statement.

Ayurveda Hospital for Ponkunnam.

576. *MR. K. G. KESAVAN NAIR (*Changanacherry* cum *Peermade*) : Will the Government be pleased to state what action has been taken towards the establishment of the Ayurveda Hospital at Ponkunnam ?

MR. C. P. GOPALA PANICKER : A departmental Ayurveda Hospital is not considered necessary at Ponkunnam.

MR. K. G KESAVAN NAIR : May I know from the Government what were the reasons which led to this conclusion ?

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